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Examiner Flores-Sánchez:

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Comments

Applicants responded to the Examiner's Office Action of 10/03/03 on 11/03/03. Applicants' 11/03/03 Response to Office Action omitted an election of a single disclosed species. Applicants have been requested to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.
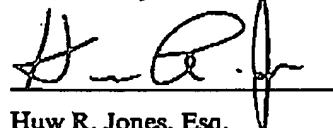
1. Species Election.

Applicants elect the species of Claim 1 for further prosecution, subject to the traversal of Applicant's previous Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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